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SITUATION REPORT NO. 26

SITUATION AS OF 2145 EDT, 04/10/94

• (C) There are eight Amcits in a 40-person expatriate group in Rwamagana, Rwanda, about 60 kilometers east of Kigali, who need to be evacuated. The group set out for Tanzania by road and stopped to spend the night in Rwamagana. Because the overland trip to Tanzania is very arduous and the group includes elderly people, the group may decide to return to Kigali to take a European or UNAMIR evacuation flight. Amcit [redacted] who elected to stay behind in Kigali, is in radio contact with the group and with Embassy Nairobi. The group will decide which way to go at daybreak Rwanda time (about 0030 EDT) April 11 and will inform Wilkins by radio. Embassy Nairobi is maintaining frequent radio contact with Wilkins. (Embassy Nairobi/TFRW01 telcons, Dar Es Salaam 2178).

• (LOU) TFRW01 spoke with UNAMIR Kigali by phone at 2115 EDT to alert them to the arrival of the 40-person group from Rwamagana. UNAMIR advised that the group should go directly to the airport in Kigali, and if that is impossible, to a Belgian compound. (Note: the airport is on the eastern side of Kigali.) (UNAMIR Kigali/TFRW01 telcon).

• (LOU) In the same conversation, UNAMIR reported that the evacuation of foreigners from Kigali is going well and that French convoys going into town to pick up expatriates are not being impeded. UNAMIR is moving expatriates directly to the airport when they come into Kigali. UNAMIR reports that the security situation in Kigali continues to be dangerous, with small and large caliber fire heard sporadically around the city. UNAMIR also said that "slaughter and banditry" continue around the city. (UNAMIR Kigali/TFRW01 telcon)

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